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Dear Reviewer:

Enclosed is the Public Review Draft of the revised Hoonah Coastal Management Plan (HCMP). This plan is being amended in accordance with the revised Alaska Coastal Management (ACMP) statutes at AS 46.39 and AS 46.40 and the new ACMP regulations at 11 AAC 110, 11 AAC 112, and 11 AAC 114. If approved, this plan will guide the Hoonah District's participation in the ACMP, a voluntary state program for the cooperative management of uses and activities in the coastal zone. Uses and activities in the district's coastal zone that require a local, state or federal authorization will be reviewed for consistency with the HCMP. The District provides this draft for your review and comment in accordance with state law at 11 AAC 114.345.

The deadline for receipt of all written and verbal comments is April 4, 2005, by 4:30 p.m. Comments must be received at the Hoonah City offices, City of Hoonah, P.O. Box 360, Hoonah, Alaska 99829, or hand-delivered to the Coastal Coordinator on or before this date to ensure that they will be considered for incorporation into the next draft of the HCMP. Comments may be provided verbally or delivered in writing at a public meeting scheduled to occur on March 31, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hoonah Planning Commission Chambers.

Please be advised that given legislatively mandated completion dates, comment on the Public Review Draft is strongly encouraged. The City of Hoonah Coastal District, in its sole discretion, may choose to consider any one or more comments received after the deadline. The district may also, by further written notice to all plan recipients and by public notice, extend the deadline for comments.

The HCMP was last updated in 1997. This Public Review Draft updates the resource information and analysis, and provides an opportunity for the City to also revise the plan to reflect the community's current goals and objectives for coastal management. This plan includes enforceable policies that address coastal development, natural hazards, coastal access, recreation, subsistence,

transportation and utilities, fisheries enhancement, and historic and cultural resources. It is important for reviewers to recognize that the new ACMP regulations limit the topics that can be addressed under coastal management and do not allow local coastal programs to adopt policies that address coastal resource issues that are addressed in state and federal regulations.

Copies of the current Coastal Management Plan, the Public Review Draft, and supporting information are available for review at City Hall and the Hoonah School Library and www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us. To obtain information on the Hoonah Coastal Management Program and the planning process, please contact Jerry Medina at the City of Hoonah, PO Box 360, Hoonah AK 99829 or by phone at 907-945-3663. The City of Hoonah Coastal District complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications to participate in this planning process may contact the number above.

Respectfully,

Jerry Medina

∕oastal Coordinator City of Hoonah

Enclosures: